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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment (ATREE) has launched the country`s first Eco- Informatics Centre at Bangalore in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the major objectives of this Centre; and

(c) the extent to which it is helpful to public?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): The Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology & Environment has launched first Eco-Information center in May, 2005 in Bangalore.

(b): - Assemble, organize and disseminate ecological, remotely sensed and geo-physical data in the public domain for use by researchers, students, teachers, policy makers and wide range of other professionals interested in biological research, teaching, conservation and management of natural resources.

- Promote research on the organization, structure and dissemination of databases through modeling and development of tools and software.
- Train environmental professionals in handling large databases, modeling and dissemination of information.

(c): The Information Centre is of use to public in following ways:

- GIS bases and remote sensing data on conservation & environment of various hotspot ecological regions of India e.g. Western Ghats, Eastern Himalayas etc. is available in Public demain.
- Various workshops / News bulletins to increase public awareness have been initiated.
- Specialized training programs in ecology & environment have been scheduled.